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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 0673

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR UN RW

SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE: INVITATION TO PRG

REF: STATE 221353

1. BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTER OUT OF TOWN, I CALLED ON MOFA SEC GEN NGARUKIYINTWALI NOVEMBER 10. STRESSING EXTREME IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO MATTER, I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOR WOULD PROMPTLY INSTRUCT ITS NEW YORK DEL TO OPPOSE INVITATION TO PRG.

2. ALTHOUGH GIVING IMPRESSION HE NOT BRIEFED ON ISSUE, SECTEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ITS IMPORTANCE AND ADDED IT MUST BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF RWANDA'S OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS. AS RESULT OF "NEW ORIENTATION" OF THAT FOREIGN POLICY, GOR HAD TO TAKE ACCOUNT VIEWS OF OTHER NON-ALIGNED STATES THOUGH THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT RWANDA REJECTED TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH US. HE ADDED RWANDA COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE "LONE RIDER." I EXPRESSED HOPE GOR WOULD DECIDE THIS, AND OTHER ISSUES, WITH VIEW TO MERITS OF CASE AS RWANDA HAD

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DONE IN PAST WITH ITS RESPONSIBLE STAND AGAINST

TERRORISM. NGARUKIYINTWALI PROMISED TO GIVE PRG
MATTER URGENT ATTENTION SO THAT EARLY DECISION COULD
BE TAKEN.

3. COMMENT: IMPRESSION I GAINED WAS THAT NGARUKIYINTWALI
PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER TO DUCK ISSUE THROUGH
ABSTENTION. ON THIS MATTER, AS ON MANY OTHERS, GOR
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LOOK CLOSELY AT WHAT ZAIRE AND OTHER
NEIGHBORING STATES MAY DO.
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